

claimant underwent an MRI at the direction of her family physician because of complaints claimant had difficulty swallowing. The report from the MRI examination revealed significant osteophytes at C4-5 and 5-6 which indent the wall of the esophagus.

The record contains no medical opinion regarding the cause of claimant's neck difficulties. The Board does not consider claimant's own testimony sufficient, under the particular facts of this case, to carry the burden of establishing that she suffered an injury arising out of and in the course of her employment. The Board, therefore, affirms the conclusion by the Administrative Law Judge to deny the requested benefits.

WHEREFORE, the Appeals Board finds that the Order by Administrative Law Judge Jon L. Frobish, dated August 7, 1997, should be, and the same is hereby, affirmed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this ____ day of September 1997.

BOARD MEMBER

c: Michael L. Snider, Wichita, KS
Vaughn Burkholder, Wichita, KS
Jon L. Frobish, Administrative Law Judge
Philip S. Harness, Director